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SUBJECT: DELAYED CONGRESSIONAL MAIL

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1. AGREED THAT LONDON-EDINBURGH POUCH SERVICE (AND PRESUMABLY WASHINGTON-LONDON POUCH SERVICE) EXCELLENT; THAT IS, THE MECHANICAL TRANSMISSION.
2. WHAT BEARS CONTINUAL EXAMINATION IS HUMAN ELEMENT OF MAIL HANDLING AT ALL ENDS, PARTICULARLY BUREAU MAIL ROOM WASHINGTON.
3. FOR EXAMPLE, LATEST CLASSIFIED POUCH RECEIVED EDINBURGH SEPTEMBER 30 COMPRISED OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS FROM BOTH WASHINGTON AND EMBASSY (LARGELY COPIES OF TELEGRAMS) TWO TO FOUR WEEKS OLD.
4. DAILY UNCLASSIFIED AIR POUCHES RECEIVED THIS WEEK HAVE BEEN NO BETTER FOR WASHINGTON TRAFFIC. EVEN WASHINGTON TELEGRAMS TELEXED LONDON TAKE INORDINATE TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, WASHINGTON'S 213960 TELEXED LONDON FOR ACTION EDINBURGH RE WHITEHOUSE VIPT VISIT TOOK FOUR DAYS IN TRANSIT, DUE IN PART TO WEEKEND HIATUS.
5. WHEREAS EDINBURGH POUCHES CONTAIN LITTLE OF EARTH SHAKING SIGNIFICANCE AND MUCH JUNK, THEY OCCASIONALLY PRODUCE CONGRESSIONAL MAIL, EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENTAL REQUESTS FOR ACTION, AND SUBSTANTIVE PO/ECOM TELEGRAMS WHICH COULD ASSIST THIS FAR OUTPOST IN DOING SOMETHING USEFUL, IF RECEIVED WHEN FRESH. I PARTICULARLY SEE NO REASON FOR AN UNCLASSIFIED LETTER FROM THE MINISTER'S OFFICE TO UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKE FIVE DAYS TO REACH EDINBURGH, OR FOR CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS

TWO TO THREE WEEKS (OCTOBER 4 UNCLASSIFIED POUCH CONTAINED CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS DATED SEPTEMBER 12 AND 18). BETTER TO POST THEM.

6. EVEN BETTER MIGHT BE TELEX SERVICE EDINBURGH AS SUGGESTED REFERENCE B. ABOVE.
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